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Doctoral program to be introduced to regents

Bauer 'very excited' about proposal for UNO's first-ever doctoral program

By Tim Rohwer

A proposal to offer UNO's first totally-controlled doctoral degree program will be introduced to the University of Nebraska Board of Regents at its monthly meeting Saturday.

The program would offer doctoral degrees in criminal justice through the Graduate College of the University of Nebraska.

Otto Bauer, vice chancellor of academic affairs, said UNO would need to be accredited for doctoral programs by the North Central Association's Commission on Higher Education for the proposed program to be approved.

He said officials of the association are expected to visit UNO early next year to study the proposal and other academic areas.

Bauer said the program would be a very important step forward for the university.

"I'm very excited. I believe we have faculty of special quality in this program," he said.

According to a need statement to be presented to the board, UNO is proposing the doctoral program because it has statewide responsibility for graduate-level programs in criminal justice and has been engaged for three years in planning, which lead to the development of the proposed program.

The statement also noted that necessary resources are in place to initiate the program, although in the longer term, the available resources would have to be increased by approximately 10 percent in order to have a doctoral program which would rate among the nation's best.

These resources are being requested from the Legislature for the 1993-95 biennium. In addition, an endowment is being sought with the assistance of the University of Nebraska Foundation.

The statement noted the proposed program is important because of the demand from colleges, universities and public agencies for individuals trained at the doctoral level in criminal

justice has grown dramatically during the last 10 years.

Despite this demand, no doctoral programs in this field are located in the mid-section of the United States.

The quality and reputation of the department of criminal justice at UNO make it the obvious choice for the establishment of the first such program in the region, the statement noted.

Vincent Webb, chairman of the criminal justice department, said he sees tremendous benefits for UNO in the proposed program.

"I think it is going to put our department a little bit more on the map than what it already is now," he said. "It is going to be easier to recruit top quality faculty and students."

Webb said classes totaling about 90 hours would be required to receive a doctoral degree after a student received a bachelor's degree. Included in that amount would be requirements for a master's degree.

He said courses taught in the proposed program would include corrections, criminal justice policy and analysis, race and crime, and gender and crime.

Student with meningitis raises campus concern

By Elizabeth Tape

A UNO student was hospitalized Saturday with a confirmed case of meningococcal meningitis, a form of bacterial meningitis, UNO officials said Monday.

To alleviate concerns about potential spread of the illness, Richard Hoover, vice chancellor of educational and student services, and Health Services Supervisor Ruth Hanon addressed students in a Criminal Justice course the student attends.

Hoover told the group that the student, "while still in critical care, was making good progress." He said also the student's family "has been in contact with those individuals who have been in close contact with this student and they are being treated already with antibiotics."

Since this disease is potentially fatal, Hoover said he was notifying students to be alert to symptoms of meningitis, which he identified as "a stiff neck, severe headache, a high fever, and/or vomiting." For anyone suffering from such symptoms, Hoover recommended immediate medical attention.

Hanon said the bacterial spread of this disease occurs "by human contact with droplet infection, from the nose and throat, from mucous membranes. Their coughing or sneezing, or being directly next to them would be greatest risk. People who are in direct contact with this individual, household members, someone who was intimate with this individual, would need the rifampin antibiotic."

Hanon told the students not to panic about the illness.

"You are at minimal risk," she said.

The student's illness is an infection of the membranes that lines the brain and the spinal cord, said Dr. Mark Rupp, assistant professor of internal medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

"It's one of the few diseases that can take an otherwise healthy 18-year-old to near death within a day or two," he said.

Fortunately, if caught early, meningococcal meningitis can be treated, Rupp said. "It has remained susceptible to penicillin as well as other agents. The antibiotic treatment of it has not been difficult, it's just when it progresses that it becomes a problem."



—Elizabeth Tape

Vice Chancellor Richard Hoover gives the facts about the single case of meningitis discovered on campus.

Senate discusses parking recommendations

By Christopher S. Cooke

Parking dominated discussion at the Student Senate meeting Thursday.

"The history of this thing (parking problem) goes back years ago," David Castilow, director of business services, told the Senate, asking their opinions on the recommendations by the Parking Advisory Committee.

The recommendations propose denying parking on campus before 12:30 p.m. on weekdays to all freshmen and new faculty and staff, except for disabled people and top level administrators.

"This proposal tries to make the parking situation better for a period of time. Remember when we opened the parking structure? Everything was real good for about a semester," Castilow said.

The reduction of congestion the parking garage offered was offset by students who de-

clined to return to taking morning classes and not carpool to campus, he said.

Sen. Mary Reynolds said she was in support of the plan because "it is the lesser of two evils that I have heard of."

Sen. Stephen Srab added, "Because parking at this university is limited, it will be inevitably be portioned by some means. Currently it is passed out randomly to those most able to seize it as it becomes available. While this might be fair in the most arbitrary sense, it restricts the freedom of every student to move freely to and from their schedules of work, school and home responsibilities."

Sen. Mike Kennedy said, "Freshmen should be forced to park at Ak-Sar-Ben for orientation. The bus picks them up, takes them through their orientation, and then drives them back to their car. It's a positive experience."

Student President-Regent Mike Farquhar speculated some students drop out from UNO

because they can't handle campus parking problems. He said students should be encouraged to come to school early in order to find more stalls.

The Senate has contributed to the voluntary use of Ak-Sar-Ben parking, such as approving the construction of bus shelters, Farquhar said.

"Until we do an advertising push, or provide more incentives, I don't think we should require freshmen to park off campus," he said.

In other action:

• The Senate approved a letter of statement supporting admission standards proposed by the University of Nebraska system.

The Senate recommended standards should apply only to traditional and transfer students 21 and younger. Students over the age of 21 should have a high school degree, a high school equivalency degree, or demonstrate special talent deemed appropriate by the NU system, the letter noted.

• The Senate approved a request for funding

for room dividers to be installed in the Disabled Student Agency office.

• The Senate also approved the appointment of Jeff Schalley as the Council for Community and Legislative Relations (CCLR) director. Among his duties, Schalley is responsible for lobbying student concerns to the Legislature.

• It was the last meeting for Farquhar, who told the senators to continue examining educational issues.

Farquhar was especially critical of the Math Department's lab.

"The Math 131/132 lab is an absolute farce. That is the Burger King-type of approach to education and it doesn't work."

"The lab technicians can only help you out for a maximum of 10 minutes. Then you move on to the advanced business classes where they have to teach you the basics in advanced business because the math teachers didn't teach properly," Farquhar said.

Students admit to cheating, lying

MARINA DEL RAY, Calif. (CPS) — College and high school students admitted to cheating, lying and stealing in a two-year national study on ethics, a report released in November said.

The study, taken by the California-based Josephson Institute of Ethics, involved interviewing 8,965 young people nationwide and focused on ethics. Not all of the young people polled were in school at the time.

"There is a hole in the moral ozone and it is probably getting bigger," said Michael J. Josephson, president of the institute.

The report, he said, is indicative that the present 15- to 30-year-old generation is more likely to engage in dishonest and irresponsible behavior than older generations.

"Whether things are worse or not, they are clearly bad enough," the report said.

Among the findings from the survey:

- Sixteen percent of college students and 33 percent of high school students admitted to shoplifting.

- Twenty-one percent of college students said they would falsify a report if necessary to keep a job.

- Sixty-one percent of high school students and 32 percent of college students admitted they cheated on an exam in the past year.

- In the area of risky behavior, 25 percent of high school students and 42 percent of college students had unprotected sex in the

past year.

"It is very clear there is an increase in cheating. It seems to me that there has been a real slippage in government in the importance of honesty, and children, when they are being socialized, are exposed to this," said Kevin Brien, a philosophy professor at Washington College in Chestertown, Md.

The Josephson Institute is a non-profit organization that studies various aspects of ethics. It took years to research and complete its study on young people and their attitudes toward lying, cheating and risky behavior.

"While there is significant evidence that the present 15- to 30-year-old generation is more likely to engage in dishonest and irresponsible conduct than previous generations, truly comparable benchmarks do not exist to establish this fact," the report said. "But whether things are measurably worse or not, they are clearly bad enough."

One in eight college students said they lied to insurance companies, inflated expense claims, lied on financial aid forms and borrowed money with the intent of not paying it back. At least 83 percent of high school students and 61 percent of college students lied to their parents at least once in the past year.

"It is in no way suggested that this group of young people are moral mutants who are genetically disposed to self-serving and

short-sighted conduct," the report says. "Instead, the survey reveals that their negative dispositions often developed in an atmosphere where cheaters regularly prosper, and honesty is not only the best policy."

Brien said that the Iran-Contra affair, and other government and financial scandals in the past 12 years, may have a direct connection with student attitudes about honesty and integrity.

What was disturbing about the results, researchers said, was the amount of cynicism expressed both by high school and college students. Nearly 25 percent of high school students and 20 percent of college students agreed with the statement, "It is not unethical to do whatever you have to do to succeed if you don't seriously hurt other people."

Additionally, 74 percent of college students, as opposed to 51 percent of people polled who were not in school, agreed that, "most people will cheat or lie when it is necessary to get what they want."

Society needs to teach a core of ethical values and "every social institution has the responsibility to promote the development of good character," the report said. "Since people do not automatically develop good character, conscientious efforts must be made to help young people develop the values and abilities necessary for moral decision-making and conduct."

National Briefs

—Compiled by College Press Service

Honor pledge swiped at Georgia college

DECATUR, Ga. — The honor system at Agnes Scott College hit a new low when someone stole an honor pledge that students are traditionally asked to sign.

The "Class of 1994 Honor Pledge," a promise to uphold the honor code, is signed by each student in that class and is normally hung in a permanent frame on a wall in Alston Center. It had been temporarily removed by the staff and placed on a table to make it more accessible for signing.

"We are not putting the other honor codes up for the three other classes until this one is returned," said Sarah Pilger, a spokeswoman for the all-female school.

Pilger said the code was stolen during Black Cat Week, a week of activities that feature school spirit, and there is a possibility that the culprit is not from Agnes Scott College.

"It has gone beyond a prank," she added.

Diaper-clad freshmen lead to hazing talk

AUSTIN, Texas (CPS) — All male athletes must attend anti-hazing seminars after campus police found 11 freshman members of the swim team clad only in diapers on the fourth floor of a University of Texas dormitory.

The swimmers were taking part in an initiation supervised by an undetermined number of upperclassmen. Police said condoms and goldfish were also involved in the initiation rites.

"The investigation is complete," said Sharon Justice, dean of students. "My staff, along with the athletic director and the swim coach, agreed that all male athletes will participate in seminars regarding hazing."

The university has been offering anti-hazing seminars for several years.

If it is determined that any of the students violated university rules, they could face a range of penalties that include a warning, probation to permanent expulsion, Justice said.

Evicted student who attempted suicide back in dorm

AMES, Iowa (CPS) — A student who was evicted from an Iowa State University residence hall while he was recovering from a suicide attempt will be allowed to stay in his dormitory room, according to school officials who had earlier requested that he leave.

After drinking a half a bottle of Jack Daniels bourbon and taking 11 sleeping pills, the unnamed student attempted to slash his wrists with a razor in a dorm bathroom.

After finding a suicide note, friends intervened in time to save his life.

However, university officials said that the student's suicide attempt violated a provision in the university handbook and asked him to withdraw from the residence hall. Mary Beth Snyder, dean of students, delivered a letter of eviction to the student while he was recuperating in the hospital.

The Iowa State Daily reported that the request for the student's eviction came from the Initiated Withdrawal Committee under the

Dean of Students Office. The committee examines student behavior that is considered disruptive or dangerous to themselves or others.

The student, who said he had been under intense pressure because of personal and family problems, appealed to the committee, which eventually met with him and reversed the decision.

The student has agreed to undergo counseling for his emotional problems.

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Non-empirical studies conducted during Dead Week

Three papers, four finals and a presentation stand between you and a four-week hiatus from books, professors and the dialy three-hour quest for a parking space.

Diet Mountain Dew and peanut M&Ms have become essential staples in your dietary intake for the next week filled with restless nights.

Welcome to Dead Week.

STAFF EDITORIAL OUR VIEW

The origins of Dead Week are unknown, but it can be defined as a seven-day period, held twice a year, in which all assignments for the week are halted and time is given for preparation for impending finals, which are held the following week.

How do many people utilize this time? An informal *Gateway* study (conducted after hours on a deadline night when a jaunt to the library was necessary to garner wisdom) revealed that a higher number of students were converging upon designated study places on campus. The students who occupied these study places also seemed more intent than normal, fixated with the

U.S. Troops preventing theft in Africa.



material in front of them with a resolve not witnessed in early October.

So maybe Dead Week does have some positive effects. Perhaps the week is just what is needed to kick the procrastinators in the pants to finally accomplish what should have been done months ago.

Heading back to Annex 26, another informal study was

conducted on the *Gateway* staff to see if most members were adhering to traditional Dead Week practices.

A glance at the newsroom revealed five staffers converged upon a bag of chips and a jar of salsa while they watched a cartoon with Hicc-Haw-type characters gyrating to the beat of a Christmas tune.

Maybe something will get done next week.

We must speak from our hearts to overcome differences

Last week, our class sat in a circle, some 20 of us. We were all women, save for two men, one of whom, unfortunately, was not present that day. We were of many ages, from many different lifestyles. As we sat in the circle, the professor asked us to individually tell the class for what we wanted to be remembered. It was a termination exercise to allow us to say goodbye before the final exam. This class was not aware how we had bonded together until we stopped and took inventory of our shared experiences over the semester.

I would like to use a termination exercise here, and take the opportunity to say goodbye. This is my very last and the "I'm not coming back" column for the *Gateway*. I graduate Dec. 19. (Ask me where the party is...)

I must first thank those people who slipped handwritten notes into my box at the *Gateway*, or phoned in messages to the tune of "Keep it up. It must be hard fighting people from the Middle Ages!" Even when the clouds had no lining at all, let alone silver, in the letters to the editor section, I kept writing because of your messages. Thank you.

I must thank the *Gateway* staff for the past one and a half years for giving me a free rein to write whatever the hell I wanted. We disagreed, we argued, we laughed, and we ate and always respected each other in the morning.

To those who believe I'm not worth the paper I write on, the following is for you:

Although I have blatantly slammed anything resembling organized religion or a movement to curtail women's reproductive freedom, I have failed to acknowledge how I do accept

your views, and the need for religion to play a great part in many people's lives. I have not stressed enough that I encourage whatever it takes to enable people to be charitable and understanding; be it organized religion, feminism, or a college education. But it is important that to enable all our views to co-exist, we cannot allow one view to become the governing law to dominate all others. Yes, America is great and I don't care what religion the founding father's were. To stop changing and growing is to watch our country decline for the sake of capitalism and the almighty dollar, as it has in the past 12 years.

Your letters to the editor are some of the many signs that the *Gateway* is reaching the public's attention. Perhaps I have sacrificed some of my personal integrity to ignite the readership into action. I felt the need to help the *Gateway* in that manner, and again, perhaps I sacrificed some of my personal integrity. Many of you who have no appreciation for my columns, when we finally meet, or talk on the phone, are casually surprised at my calm demeanor, even my good intentions. A Feminist for Life was almost speechless when I asked her to contact me when there was an opportunity where we could band together for women's rights.

But regardless, what's done is done, what has been said cannot be unsaid. I regret not a word. A few of you may describe me by those creative but repetitive adjectives of "ignorant" or "illogical." Some have called me a poor,

misguided soul or simply a dreamer. In the words of the late, great John Lennon: "You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. Some day you will join us, and the world will live as one."

Let me take you back to the classroom on that day last week for a moment, during the termination exercise. This class was the infamous Institutional Racism and Sexism class taught by Theresa Barron-McKeagney. To say it was an unforgettable class that changed my life and all those who experienced it, is an understatement.

As we went around the room that day, I, bold and cold Tara Muir, turned into a sobbing idiot, trying desperately to convey to this incredible class how very much I appreciated its support, but many times, face to face, I couldn't always find the right words to express my gratitude. A small chain of other deep feelings started, and slowly, some of our collective walls as women came down.

The older women shared how they felt there was no longer a generation gap, and they felt like newer and stronger people. Some of the younger women spoke more hesitantly, and some were confused. One woman wasn't quite sure she was going to be able to stay married to her husband now that she believed he may be a Rush Limbaugh in disguise. Another young woman's statements talked of my column, and her words went straight to my heart. She tried

to hold back her tears.

She said that a year ago when she read my column, she too thought, "Who is this person, and what does she think she's doing?" But today, while we sat in our circle, she revealed to me what all the letters to the editors weren't able to say to me. My columns were questioning her very existence and sense of belonging to this world, everything she had been told to believe from her high school education to Sunday school. In my columns, I was trying to take that away and discredit it. And this young woman, speaking so simply and straight from her soul, was now aware of what I had been trying to express, and she was scared and hurt that her entire life had somehow told her lies. It was hard for her to accept, but the truth was overwhelming and she promised our class that day she was going to work on it.

I had not heard such honesty before in reactions to my columns, and I would like to thank her and every person in that class. Special thanks must go to Theresa, because she was not limiting herself to just being our teacher, she was one of us.

And so, I bid you, the *Gateway*, and *Gateway* readers, a fond farewell. I not only earned this blasted piece of paper society demands I carry, but I found my desire and ability to write that I had tucked away long ago.

Everyone can advocate their stand on issues and vocalize them arrogantly, but it is not until we can literally sit down face to face and speak from our hearts, that we can overcome our differences and truly make progress toward living in the world as one people.

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NEWS CLIPS

Energy department offers study program

The U.S. Department of Energy's Student Research Participation Program is offering undergraduate students the chance to spend 10 weeks next summer working with federal scientists.

The program is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors majoring in engineering, physical and life sciences, mathematics, computer science and social sciences.

Students are selected on the basis of academic record, aptitude, research interest and the recommendation of instructors. Participants must have the potential for graduate study and scientific careers.

The application deadline is Jan. 21, 1993. For application materials or more information, contact Pat Pressley at 615-576-1083 or the Student Research Participation Program; Science/Engineering Division; Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education; P.O. Box 117; Oak Ridge, Tenn. 37831-0117.

Donations are being accepted for scholarship

UNO's Staff Advisory Council encourages all faculty and staff to donate the money spent on colleagues' Christmas cards to the Gerbracht Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Bill Gerbracht retired in 1990 after 38 years of service at Omaha University and UNO. Over the years, he worked through the ranks to hold such positions as director of student placement, director of student activities, director of student aid and registrar.

Upon his death in 1991, Gerbracht named UNO as beneficiary of his estate, establishing one, annually renewable, full tuition scholarship each year to full-time student children of UNO employees. Additional donations will supplement the fund and extend the life of the endowment principal.

Donations to the fund will be accepted at Cashiering until Thursday. Donors' names will be included in a special "Holiday Greetings" memo to be sent Dec. 15.

Pen and Sword Society is looking for new toys

The Pen and Sword Society is sponsoring Toys for Tots through Dec. 15.

Students may bring new toys to the Pen and Sword Society at Room 127 in the Student Center.

For more information call Tim Cawthorn or John McCarroll at 558-3732.

New exhibit opens at Bemis art gallery

"Medicine Piano" and other works of art by Marc Dennis and Bruce Hogeland are now on exhibit at the Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, 614 S. 11th St.

The two artists worked with members of the Sioux Nation to create "Medicine Piano."

"Drumming is an integral part of all Sioux tribal ceremonies," the artists said in a press release. "Through the combination of a piano, commonly accepted as an Eurocentric element and traditional Native American ceremonial drumming, associated with the beliefs and forces revolving around spiritual

healing, 'Medicine Piano' will introduce musical elements of both Indian and non-Indian cultures."

The exhibition runs through Jan. 9, 1993. The gallery is open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m.

For more information, call Bemis at 341-7130.

Toys for tots collected at Norwest offices

Once again the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves will distribute toys to needy children nationwide through its "Toys for Tots" campaign.

Omaha-area residents interested in donating new, unwrapped toys can bring the gifts to any of the five local Norwest Financial offices. The offices are open weekdays during regular business hours.

Toys are needed for kids of all ages. Local Norwest Financial offices will give the toys to the local Marine Corp. Reserves for sorting and distribution.

For more information, contact any of the five local Norwest offices.

360 international students enrolled at UNO

UNO has a total of 360 international students from 69 countries enrolled for the 1993 fall semester, according to figures from the International Student Center.

The top nine countries of origin are Japan with 45 students, India with 26, Korea with 19, Indonesia with 10, Lebanon with nine, Taiwan with eight, Pakistan with seven and Hong Kong with five.

The top 10 majors of the international students are computer science, pre-business, business administration, engineering, mathematics, electronics engineering, international studies, psychology, masters of business administration preparation and biology.

Lucy Kosiba named employee of the month

Lucy Kosiba, supervisor of the university library division, is UNO's employee of the month for December.

"Lucy has been a dedicated employee of the library for over 14 years," wrote one nominator. "She works on the front lines in the circulation division and is, without a doubt, one of the library's most service-oriented employees. Lucy's enthusiasm for her work serving library users is not only apparent, it is conspicuous."

As employee of the month, Kosiba will receive a gift certificate, pin, portrait and use of a designated parking space. She will also be honored at the December meeting of the Board of Regents.

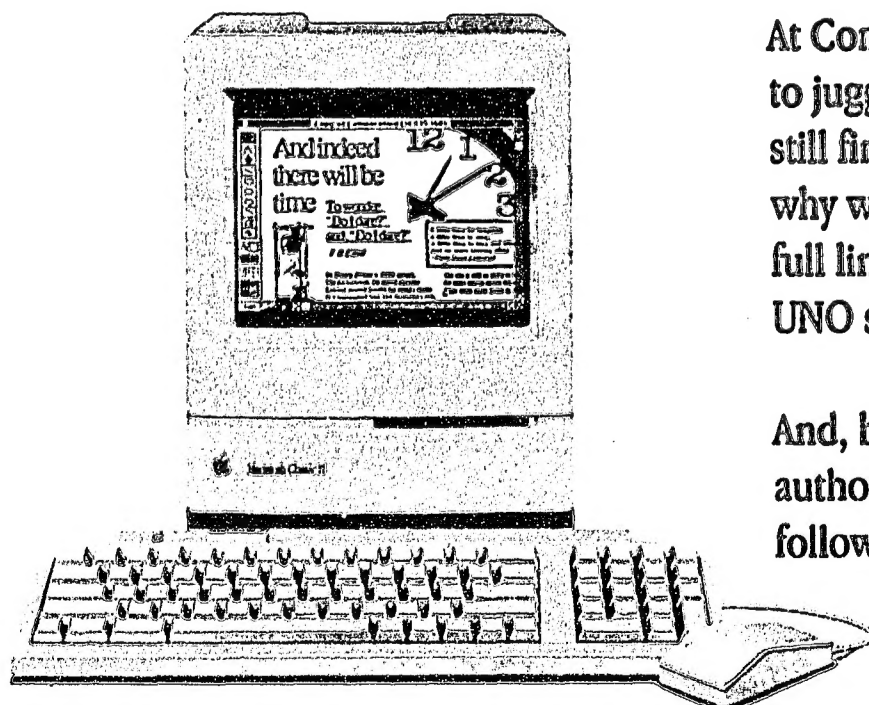
Advent breakfast to be held in Ballroom

The Advent Fellowship Breakfast will be held Dec. 11 at 7:30 a.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

The speaker for the breakfast is Rev. James Cavener.

Tickets are \$4.50. For tickets or more information, contact Ruth Manning at 554-2243 or Rev. Darrel Berg at 558-6737 or Rev. Cavener at 558-0874.

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Krause enjoys job as Washington Elementary principal

UNO alumnus faces challenges with experience

By Elizabeth Tape

Less than a mile to the southeast of UNO stands another institution of learning: Washington Elementary School at 55th and Mayberry Streets. Home to approximately 400 students, Washington is run by principal Linda Krause, a UNO undergraduate and graduate alumnus.

Principal at Washington since 1969, Krause entered school administration after several years of teaching at Adams School. Krause said she still harks back to experiences as a teacher when facing challenges as Washington's principal.

"I think probably I need that teaching experience to truly

be effective as an administrator. Even though it was many years ago, I can still relate back to how I felt as a teacher. I still consider myself a teacher, and I think that is the highest compliment that I can be paid," she said.

Krause's workday begins long before any students arrive at Washington.

"I try to get here anytime from 6:30 to 7:30 in the morning."

On the day of the interview, Krause described her morning.

"We had a coffee about our 'Challenge' program (for gifted students), I handled some messages that needed to go out to teachers and addressed some concerns about some

outsiders causing problems for our safety patrol," she said. "We had a youngster with a difficulty on a van, and our school was opening about that time."

This was all before school started at 8:50 a.m. Once school began, attention turned to the United Way campaign, a letter to parents, visits to a few classrooms, students showing her their work and organizing fund-raising materials with members of the Parent-Teachers Association (PTA) among other responsibilities, Krause said.

"These things are such joys and a fun part of the job," she said.

At lunch hour, Krause said, she pitches in to help feed Washington's students, either as one of the workers, or to have lunch with students. Eating lunch with her students, Krause said, brings another delight of her job. "I really like to do that, and it's a nice time for me to visit informally with the kids. And I think the kids enjoy the chance to sit and talk."

On this particular day, Krause said, "After lunch, I worked with a couple of children who had some difficulties and we've been talking about some good choices and some poor choices they've made and trying to find a way they could handle it better if a similar situation occurred. Also, we had a couple of children who were ill. We need an (hearing) interpreter for our PTA meeting Tuesday night, and, of course, I've been trying to get through some of the piles on my desk."

In an effort to combat an image of the principal as "bad guy," Krause said, she endeavors even from the time of "Kindergarten Round-Up," when pre-schoolers visit Washington, "to help them understand that the principal is a friend of theirs, someone who has responsibilities to see that they're doing their best and someone who is really interested in them."

Krause said she has seen many changes in approaches to education during her 25 years in education.

"For example, we see a lot more cooperative learning than we did. In the past, there was more lecturing. Now, there is more guided instruction, where the teacher is facilitating learning. There are a lot more questions from the students, and teachers are asking more questions that cause kids to think. We're also giving children the opportunity to do some peer tutoring, where one student is working with another, or in groups of three or four. And we're doing a lot

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—Elizabeth Tape

Linda Krause, a UNO alumnus, has been principal at Washington Elementary School since 1969.

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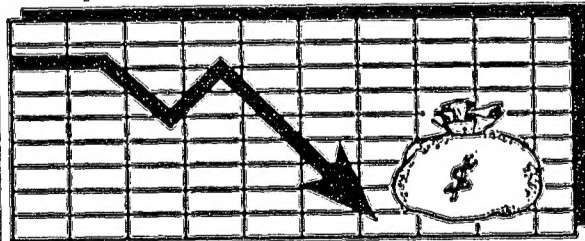
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Researchers find new way to discover syndrome

By D.J. Stiles

In 1990, a team of nine Nebraska geneticists developed the first laboratory skin test for detecting Marfan syndrome. The disorder can affect the heart, blood vessels, lungs, eyes, bones and ligaments.

In 1991, the same group located the gene that is believed to cause it.

Now in 1992, researchers at the University of Nebraska Medical Center are the first to have found a way to diagnose the Marfan syndrome while a child is still in the womb.

Maurice Godfrey, Ph.D., director of the Connective Tissue Research Laboratory in the Meyer Rehabilitation Institute at the Medical Center said, "This represents the first successful demonstration of prenatal diagnosis by genetic

linkage analysis in the Marfan syndrome."

The gene causing Marfan syndrome usually is inherited from one parent, giving each child a 50 percent chance of inheriting the disorder.

Researchers at the University of Wisconsin in Madison have examined three generations of a family affected with Marfan syndrome. Of the 10 family members studied, three were already clinically diagnosed with the disorder.

Nancy Hantouli, now 37, found she had Marfan syndrome after an eye exam when she was 6 years old.

She now takes a beta blocker which strengthens the wall of her aorta and helps to avoid stress on it.

Hantouli and her new daughter were the patients studied in the most recent discovery about the Marfan syndrome.

"At nine weeks into this woman's pregnancy, we already

knew she was carrying a baby who had inherited this defective gene," Godfrey said.

Now at approximately two months, the baby girl already has some skeletal changes attributed to the Marfan syndrome.

"But we still don't know what the ultimate severity of the skeletal and probably cardiovascular abnormalities will be," Godfrey said.

Because all cells in the body contain the same set of genes, blood samples from the Wisconsin family were all that was needed to see if they had the defect.

This new procedure involved removing a small piece of a membrane surrounding the developing embryo.

The samples were sent to Godfrey's laboratory and the University of Connecticut Health Science Center.

"Since it was the first time around, we wanted to be sure we got it right," Godfrey said. "So we did the analysis in two separate labs and both got the same results."

Affecting over 20,000 people in the United States, the disorder has no boundaries of race or gender.

As the most common and most deadly of cardiovascular genetic defects, Marfan syndrome includes some very unique features to those affected.

Long, thin limbs, long fingers and thumbs, spinal curvature, and dislocated eye lens are some of the characteristics.

At times the disorder can cause sudden death to those unaware they are affected.

According to Godfrey, about 90 percent of those who inherit the Marfan syndrome will eventually die due to cardiovascular complications.

The cause is usually a weakness of the heart valves and weakness of the aorta, the large artery that distributes blood from the heart to the rest of the body.

The aorta will often stretch until it tears, causing sudden death.

Godfrey said according to some reports, that 50 percent of pregnant women who have moderate to severe Marfan-linked cardiovascular complications die just before, during or after delivery of their babies.

The findings of this new procedure were recently revealed at the American Heart Association's 65th Scientific Sessions by Godfrey. The Scientific Sessions began Nov. 16th this year in New Orleans. The meeting attracted 26,000 scientists from around the world.

MEDEVENTS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

Noon — 1:00 p.m. Pediatric Adolescent Conference. "Puberty," Dr. Swinyard; Children's Memorial Hospital, classroom 8.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

11:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m. Creighton-Nebraska Department of Psychiatry CASE Conference. "PMS and Depression," David McNeil, M.D., psychiatry, Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center, Chicago, Ill; amphitheater, 2205 So. 10th St. and by closed circuit T.V., University Geriatric Center, room 2016 and Veterans Hosp., library.

NOON — 1:00 p.m. Pathology/Microbiology Grand Rounds. "Nonhuman Primate Models for HIV Vaccines and Pathogenesis," Patricia Fultz, Ph.D., microbiology, University of Alabama,

Birmingham, Ala.; Univ. Hosp. amphitheater.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

3:00 P.M. — 4:00 p.m. Pathology/Microbiology Research Seminar. "Sodium Saccharin: The Relationship Between Urinary Precipitate Formation and Bladder Changes," Emily Garland, Ph.D., pathology/microbiology; Univ. Hosp. amphitheater.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

8:00 a.m. — 9:00 a.m. CMH/Pediatric Grand Rounds. "Iron Poisoning," Milton Tenebein, M.D., Manitoba Poison Center; Children's Memorial Hospital.

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Flying Mavericks take awards in debut

Aviation Institute premieres team at competition

By Chad Sherrets

The Flying Mavericks, UNO's Aviation Institute competition team, reached new heights winning several awards at its first competition.

The team competed in the National Intercollegiate Flying Association Regional Safecom meet in Durant, Okla., Nov. 9-14.

Brent Bowen, director of the Aviation Institute, said the meet is an annual event which draw competitors from about 100 universities, including the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University and Central Missouri State University.

The seven members of the UNO team who participated in the meet were selected from among the 400 flight training students in the institute, Bowen said. Professor James Crehan was the team supervisor and coach.

Bowen said the meet was divided into both ground and flight categories.

"Some of the competition was with the use of pilot navigation computers and charts for navigation and ground events," he said. "But it also included flying events. There was the precision landing competition, where there's a line across the runway and the students actually make precision landings to see who can land closest to the marker. They also have a competition where they can plan a cross-country flight and execute the flight to see who planned it with the most accuracy in terms of time and fuel usage."

The Flying Mavericks competed in six ground events and four flight events, Bowen said. Members of the team won awards in four of the events.

Todd Tonniges placed ninth in the Electronic Flight Computer event, which involves using a hand-held computer to chart a course and plan the flight, Bowen said.

Martin Moody and Tonniges won the seventh and eighth place medals in the Preflight event. The event includes systematically checking every part of the airplane to insure its safeness.

Tim Weller came in eighth in the Simulator competition, which involves using an aircraft simulator.

Chad Holdsworth won the trophy and Steve Halbert won fifth place in the Message Drop, where one student flies an airplane in the event and another student releases a projectile from the plane to hit a target area, much like dropping a bomb, Bowen said.

"Our team won several awards in a superior performance in our first-ever competition. This competition has been going on for about 40 years and this is the first time UNO has fielded a team," he said. "This is an exciting new sporting event for UNO to be involved in."

Heads up; a total lunar eclipse is on its way

By Julia Ybarra

Man has regarded eclipses of the moon with awe and superstition since the beginning of civilization.

In fact, according to an article in the December *Sky & Telescope*, superstition of lunar eclipses were partially responsible for the defeat of Athens at Syracuse in 413 B.C., the fall of Constantinople in 1454 and the Arabian victory over the Turks during World War I.

The first total lunar eclipse in more than three years will be in view for most of North America to witness on Wednesday.

Lunar eclipses occur when the moon crosses the Earth's shadow in its elliptical orbit around the sun, according to Jay M. Pasachoff in his book "Astronomy: From the Earth to the Universe." However, Pasachoff writes, the orbit of the moon is tilted five degrees with respect to the orbit of the Earth so that usually the moon is higher or lower

than the earth's shadow.

In his book, Pasachoff said the moon's light during the eclipse will be considerably dimmer.

"While moonlight won't be as bright during a total eclipse, the earth won't be left completely in the dark," he said.

The lunar eclipse not only reflects the refracted sunlight, but also the shape of the earth. The shadow on the moon, through series of photographs, demonstrates the spherical shape of the Earth. However, in past years, people have noticed irregularities in the shadow. *Sky & Telescope* reports many people have seen the Earth's shadow as wedge-shaped, flattened and corrugated-edged.

David Krieger, UNO professor of astronomy, said oddities seen in the Earth's shadow occur from clouds and atmospheric conditions, such as the volcanic debris.

He also said, unlike many other celestial events, a lunar eclipse does not need to be watched from a remote area away from arti-

ficial lights.

"The only precaution suggested is to pinpoint the position of the moon the night before so you will know where to expect it during the eclipse," Krieger said.

An article in the December issue of *Astronomy Magazine* advises planning ahead

because "the moon rises during the partial or total phases; the moon rises at sunset and bright twilight will interfere until the moon climbs higher in the sky; the eclipse may be unusually dark."

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more with large group instruction instead of the tracking which isolated youngsters into groups. We think this gives a lot more opportunity to build self-confidence.

"Another big change is the arrival of computers, of which we now have almost one to a classroom. We've changed a lot of things, I hope," Krause said.

Despite her optimistic outlook, Krause said that schools continue to face a funding crisis. "It costs money to hire good teachers and for the supporting materials to keep abreast of what is current. It seems as we're expecting more of the schools and of children, our base of rev-

enue keeps getting eroded. It's like a picket fence, when you keep taking pickets away but still want the fence to do the job it was meant to do."

If President-Elect Bill Clinton were ever to consult with her, Krause said, "I'd talk about the importance of anything we can do to promote readiness for kids before they come to school. I would encourage anything we could do to help increase parent involvement, either in the school or at home, anything parents can do so kids see their education is really important."

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Clubs focus on excellence in breeding

By Elizabeth Tape

The pitter-patter of little feet heard at the Omaha Civic Auditorium during a recent weekend was more than 2,000 dogs representing about 100 breeds dog shows sponsored by the Lincoln-based Cornhusker Kennel Club and the Omaha-based Nebraska Kennel Club.

Sandy Crawford, breeder of West Highland Terriers and public relations chairperson for the Nebraska Kennel Club, said the purpose of the shows, "is to judge dogs on their conformation to the breed standard, in structure, temperament, coat and movement."

The dog shows also are intended, in part, to create an interest in pure-bred dogs, and to provide education for the public about them, she said.

After breed winners were established, Crawford said, "dogs that did best in each breed moved on to compete in their respective variety group, of which seven exist."

The winners in all of the group judging sessions, Crawford said, then go on to compete against one another for the Best of Show award. This year, a longhaired dachshund won top honors.

In addition to the conformation competition, obedience judging is held, in which any American Kennel Club (AKC)-registered dog may be entered. "They are scored on how they complete the required exercises, which would include on-lead and off-lead heeling, recalls (response to 'Rover, come!' from a distance), long sits and downs (where the dog must sit or lie down for several minutes)."

More advanced levels of obedience require retrieving, jumping and scent discrimination; skills that usually require two to three years of continuous training, Crawford said.

The "high in trial" award goes to the dog getting closest to the perfect score of 200, which some dogs do achieve. This year, the top achiever attained 199 points, Crawford said.

The shows attracted participants from 25 to 30 states and some from Canada and Mexico. Judges arrived from such diverse locations as California, Florida, Virginia, Pennsylvania and even from Switzerland.

The Nebraska Kennel Club, Crawford said, which was established in 1923, has held a dog show in Omaha every year, except during World War II.

"The organization's goals, include educating the public about the habits, characteristics, advantages, training, care



—Elizabeth Tape

A Golden Retriever leaves the Civic Auditorium after participating in the Nebraska Kennel Club obedience trials.

and treatment of all breeds of dogs," she said.

For those considering the purchase of a puppy, or a dog, the work begins long before bringing the new companion home, Crawford said.

"Picking a specific breed of dog needs to be an educated and informed decision as to which breed is for the family. First, people need to identify their family goals and objectives as far as their expectations for their companion animals. People need to ask, what do they want in a pet?"

Specifically, Crawford said, "Do they want a small, middle-sized or a large dog? A low-energy or high-energy dog? Do they want one who is highly trainable? A long-

coated or short-coated dog? A camping and fishing dog? That's where the decision begins, with what the expectations are for the companion dog."

Having examined such questions, Crawford said, puppy and dog seekers can begin to narrow down which breeds of dogs, from among the 134 currently recognized by American Kennel Club, might best meet their needs. "People can then look at those specific breeds of dogs with regard to personality and temperament," she said.

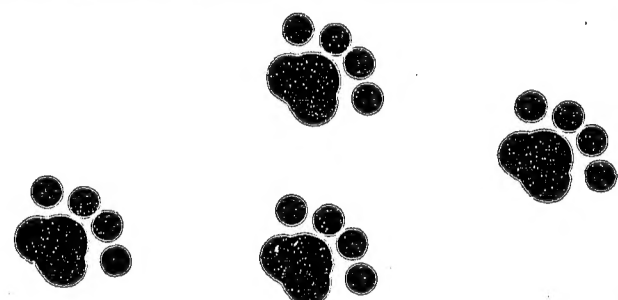
As for where to go for information, one resource Crawford recommends is the Omaha Public Library. "The Nebraska Kennel Club bought several thousand dollars of videotapes about many breeds of dogs, and the tapes are available to the public. Another source of information is a veterinarian or a member of a dog club.

"And the Nebraska Kennel Club staffs a volunteer phone line where questions can be answered."

Crawford cautions strongly against bringing a new puppy home during the holiday season. "Puppies need a lot of extra care. They need to be on a schedule, with meals many times a day, and they need to be able to go outside and relieve themselves. Families may wish to get started with training, and usually people are very busy during the holiday time," she said.

With the bustling and scurrying of this busy season also, Crawford said, many potential dangers for a new puppy or a dog may be inadvertently created. "With doors opening frequently, there are opportunities for the puppy to get out, and all of the lights and other decorations can be potential hazards. Even food items around the house can pose a risk: a few pieces of chocolate could actually kill a small dog."

Further information about various breeds of dogs is available by contacting the Nebraska Kennel Club, 451-1241 or the Blue Ribbon Dog Breeders, Inc., 553-8312.



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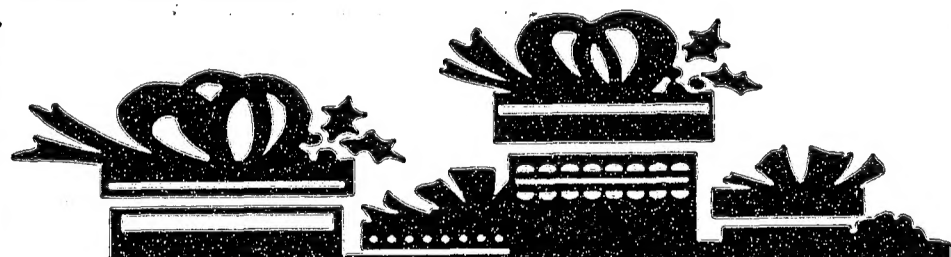
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Webster is less biased than most people today

Dear Editor:

I was interested to read Dr. Glaser's letter (*Gateway*, Nov. 17). Even though we may not agree, at least someone has come forward to rationally pursue this discussion. I would like to further discuss my "antiquated notions" about language and particularly the word racism.

I have been to graduate school within the last 15 years, Dr. Glaser, and outside of the humanities this new definition is not "quite well-accepted." Obviously, though, my education was incomplete. I did not know, for example, that in order to find the definitions of words, I was supposed to consult with the National Educa-

tion Association, the Council on Interracial Books, or anyone in the "humanities." It was also never explained to me that these people and organizations were less biased than the ones who have composed the dictionaries. Let us compare definitions. The current dictionary definition of racism provides that any person can racially discriminate against any other person. The new definition provides that only white people can racially discriminate against other people, and that minorities, due only to the color of their skin, cannot racially discriminate against other people. The dictionary definition which was developed by the "obviously" biased "dominant white culture," surprisingly does not seek to give that culture any advantage or superiority over any culture. The new definition claims a superiority of minorities over

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whites due solely to their skin color. The current dictionary definition does not go far enough in placing blame for racism, in the eyes of some people. Therefore the definition must be changed so that the problems that minorities have in this country can be blamed exclusively on whites, while the minorities remain blameless. This is an idea that will not work because it is illogical.

My point in citing the dictionary definition of racism was to call attention to the fact that while she and many others present the new definition as if it were the only one, there are in fact a great many people who are just as firmly convinced that the dictionary holds the only definition. It is my opinion, that when evaluated logically, the dictionary definition is much less biased than the new one, and cannot be interpreted in the racist way that the new one can.

The statement that racial discrimination is inherent in some of the institutions in this society is valid. Redefining the word racism will not

change that fact. In fact if the word is redefined in the manner proposed, it will probably lead to more, not less, racial discrimination.

If the goal here is to recognize and establish the fact racial discrimination is inherent in some institutions in our society, then why not simply say that. Why must a word be redefined, in an illogical way, and to the detriment of a group of people (whites), just to make a point that can be well made by one phrase — "institutional racism." Institutional racism may be largely the fault of whites, but it does not mean that all whites are racist, and all minorities cannot be racist.

No, Dr. Glaser, I will keep my "beloved" Webster's in all of its many editions and despite all of its biases. Because from what I have seen so far, it is far less biased than most of the people who are seeking to change it today.

Dr. Gary Krause
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Long field goals not enough for Mavericks

By Daren Schrat

The young UNO Maverick basketball team experienced some growing pains in a heart-breaking 93-88 loss Saturday against Northeast Missouri State.

The Mavs, coming off a 99-76 victory over Doane, jumped out to a 13-point lead over the Bulldogs. Ron Walker hit baskets from 15 and 18 feet and Mike Conley hit a three-pointer to put the Mavs up 17-7.

The Mavs continued to build their lead on long field goals. John Haugh unleashed one from 10 feet, Hans Geerts and Conley from 15, and another three-pointer from Conley and one from Walker put the Mavs up by 13 with 7:22 left in the half.

But the last seven minutes of the half belonged to the Bulldogs. A trio of three-pointers by Travis Snelling, Javier Cargol and Dean Lewis erased the Mavs lead. A three-pointer by Brian Basich gave the Bulldogs a 40-36 lead with 1:29 left.

A three-pointer by Ryan Elrod pulled the Mavs within a point, but the Bulldogs still led at intermission 44-43. Despite the halftime deficit, the Mavs were shooting 51.6 percent from the floor.

"We shot the ball well from the perimeter. We had some good three-point shooting," UNO Coach Bob Hanson said.

In the second half the Bulldogs and Mavs played close. The Mavs never trailed by more than three points throughout the first part of the second half. John Haugh hit a three-pointer to even the score at 54 each. Snelling scored two straight layups and put the Bulldogs up by two, but the Mavs battled back and took a three-point lead with a three-pointer

and a 10-foot jumper by Elrod and a basket by Geerts.

But with 8:58 to play the Bulldogs tied the score at 68, the fifth time in the second half that the score was tied. The Bulldogs started to hit their shots and pull away from the Mavs. A pair of three-pointers by Cargol and Snelling put Northeast Missouri ahead 78-70.

"They shot extremely well against us and they ran a good half-court offense," Hanson said.

The Mavs did not lie down and made another run for the lead with 5:30 to play. Ray Howard scored four points to cut the Bulldogs lead in half. A 10-footer by Walker and a pair of free throws by Howard put the Mavs within one and forced the Bulldogs to regroup.

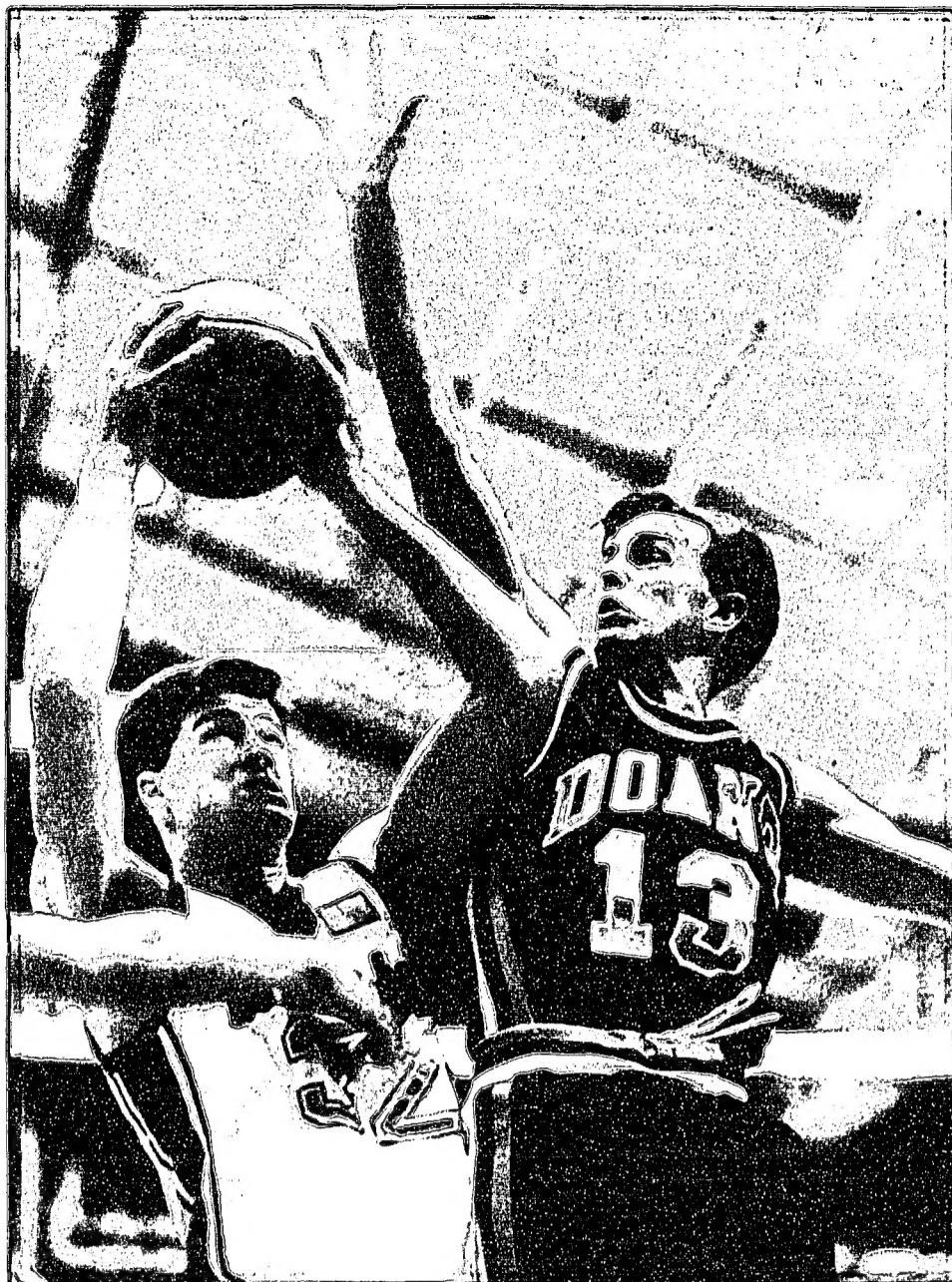
But the Mavs would not get any closer. Basich and Snelling each hit their third three-pointers to put the Bulldogs ahead by seven with 1:59 left. The Mavs tried to rally with a three-pointer by Conley that brought UNO within three with 37 seconds to play.

Then heartbreak struck. The Mavs had a chance to tie the game when Walker's three-point attempt just missed and Snelling sealed the game with a dunk.

"We had our opportunity to win the game and missed a tip-in twice," Hanson said.

"We lost our momentum, made some defensive mistakes and there was not enough poise on offense."

The Mavs were led by Conley's 17 points. Howard and Walker each had 12 points, and Tony Stubblefield and Haugh had 11 each. Six of Elrod's 10 points came from the three-point area.



—Ed Carlson

Mav freshman center Joel Dougherty, No. 32, tries for a basket. The Mavs lost to the Bulldogs 93-88 Saturday.

Three Lady Mavs cry foul in loss to Bearkittens

By Daren Schrat

The Lady Mav basketball team went to the Show-Me-State to show up Missouri Western in a grudge match and to beat the Bearkittens of Northwest Missouri State.

They at least got their revenge as the Lady Mavs beat the Lady Griffons 63-61, but lost the following night to the Bearkittens 75-57.

UNO Coach Cherri Mankenberg said her team was much improved since its last meeting against the Lady Griffons when UNO lost in the Field House, 66-64.

"We corrected some things, the kids played much better against them. We outrebounded them and shot 49 percent," Mankenberg said.

"It was a real crucial game, a revenge factor on their floor."

The Lady Mavs had their hands full with the Lady Griffons. The two teams were deadlocked throughout the game until Sandy Skradski, who scored 27 points and pulled down 12 rebounds, broke a 57-57 tie and led the Lady Mavs to their first victory of the season.

"We didn't let them control us and we took better care of the ball," Mankenberg said.

Lady Mav guard Marsha Moore was switched to the power forward position in place of Shonna Tryon because Mankenberg said she has more quickness. Mankenberg praised Moore, with six points, and guard Lisa Rath for their defensive play.

"Marsha was our utility player and she answered the call," she said.

Lady Mav guard Roxanne Wiles followed Skradski with 15 points and four assists.

The following night in Maryville, Mo., the Lady Mavs ran into trouble. Foul trouble.

The Lady Mavs had three players foul out

and took on a Bearkitten team that shot 50.7 percent from the field. One Lady Mav that finished the game on the bench was Skradski, who had 13 points.

"Skradski had a big gal to go up against. She was 6-1 and very physical," Mankenberg said.

"Any time you have a Sandy Skradski in foul trouble, it's an impact. It hurt us a lot." While the Bearkittens were shooting off the net, the Lady Mavs were struggling, trailing by a point for nearly three minutes.

"We couldn't buy a basket, even a layup. We trailed 27-26 it seemed for five minutes and we just couldn't get over the hump," Mankenberg said.

"The air let out of the bag from there on."

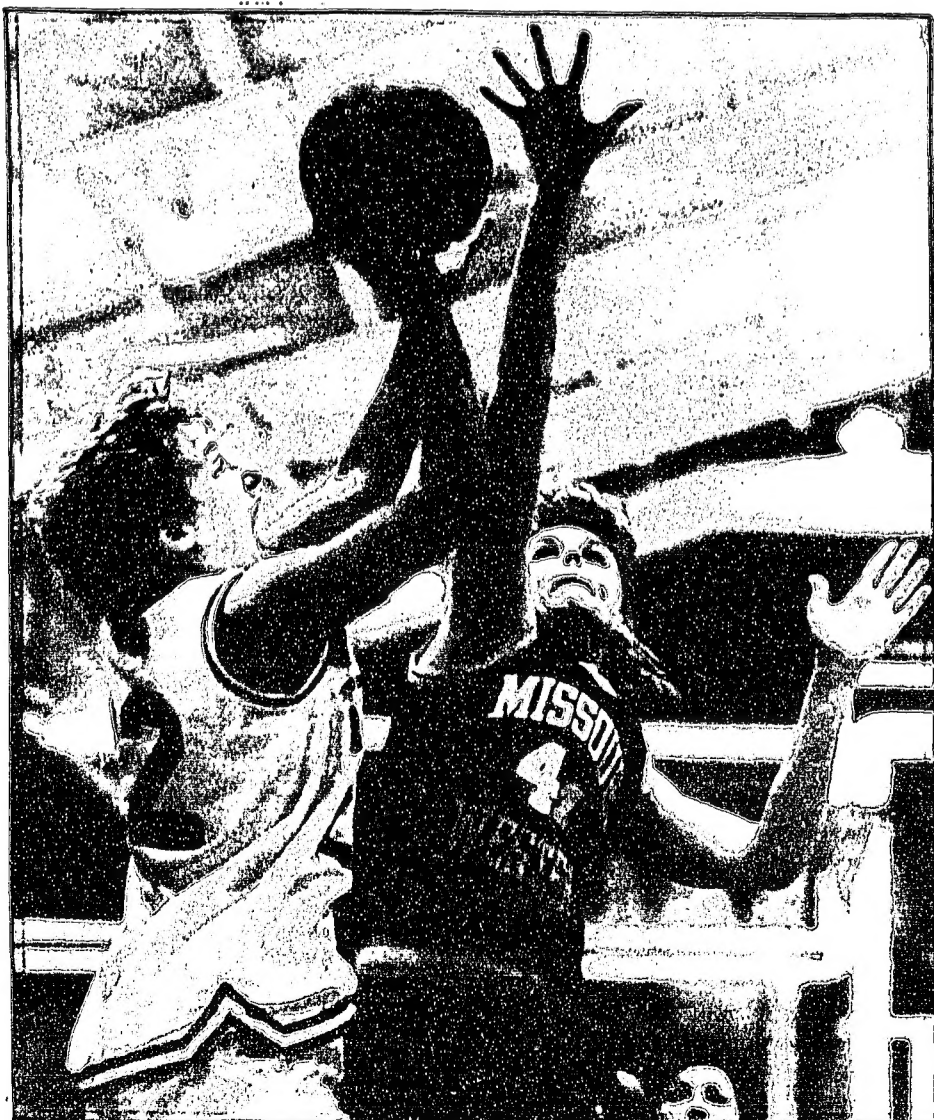
UNO trailed 35-27 at the half, but the Bearkittens continued to shoot well and started to pull away during the first seven minutes of the second half. Rath and freshman center Michelle Clifford fouled out adding to the Lady Mav troubles.

"We couldn't get the thing to drop, the more we missed, the more they dropped. We just hit them (Northwest Missouri State) on a night when they were hot, and we were cold," Mankenberg said.

Wiles and Linda Schabloske joined Skradski in leading the Lady Mav's in scoring with 13 points each. Mankenberg said her team needs to start taking charge on offense when the opportunity arrives. She said there needs to be more creativity on offense.

"We need to attack more on offense. We're passing up opportunities where we could have taken control," she said.

The Lady Mavs next game is against interstate rival Nebraska-Kearney on Wednesday at Kearney.



—Ed Carlson

Roxanne Wiles, left, shoots a basket against Missouri Western. The Lady Mavs avenged a 66-64 loss to Northwest Missouri a week ago by winning 63-61 this weekend.

SPORTS



Mav wrestler Marc Bauer, right, prepares to put away an opponent. Bauer finished second in the 134-pound weight class in the Northern Iowa Open.

Mav grapplers ready for season

By Daren Schrat

Mike Denney is finding out what kind of wrestling team UNO has this year.

The Mavs competed in the Northern Iowa University Open in Cedar Falls against some of the best Division I and II wrestling teams in the country.

"It was a tough tournament. The biggest they've had there in a number of years," Denney said.

Mav 134-pounder Marc Bauer continued to find success since moving from the 126-lb. division by finishing second. Bauer lost 6-3 to Robert Gasper of Miami of Ohio in the championship match.

"He's (Bauer) been really competitive. He's only lost to Division I people," Denney said.

Two Mav grapplers, Jimmy Foster, at 118-lbs., and Jeff Sill, 126, were one match short of placing.

Steve Costanzo placed fourth at 142 lbs. and Pat Kelly third at 190.

"Jimmy Foster wrestled well and Jeff Sill was sick with a cold, but still wrestled," Denney said.

The Mavs equaled the number of wrestlers to place with

North Central Conference rival North Dakota State with five. Denney said he likes how his team measures to the Bison.

"They placed the same number of wrestlers as we did so we're comparable to them. We get to wrestle against them at home this year," Denney said.

In the 167-lb. class, Denney said he was pleased with Tony DeGeorge and Kevin Wattenburger.

Meanwhile, Mavall-American 177-pounder Dan Radik wrestled in the 190-lb. division and placed sixth. Denney expects Radik to trim back down to 177 by the time the regular season begins.

"Tony DeGeorge wrestled really well in the tournament. He and Kevin need more matches," Denney said.

"Radik had some school work and couldn't get down to his weight so he moved to 190. He'll be down later."

Denney said his wrestlers benefit from competing against the best. He said the Mavs have seen what kind of a team several conference schools have this season.

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NFL players are stronger, faster

The game has gotten better. The players are bigger, stronger and faster. Football will never be the same.

But maybe that is not so good. The names Darryl Stingley, Mike Utley and Dennis Byrd come to mind.

Byrd's injury a week ago has rekindled awareness of the risks taken by football players, especially those in the National Football League (NFL). It used to be just the knee injury that made players and coaches cringe. Many players' careers were shortened or immediately succumbed to the knee injury. Gale Sayers, Joe Namath and Joe Theismann are some of the more notable victims.

But today head and spinal injuries are starting to raise

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some eyebrows in football circles.

The New York Jets lost all-pro wide receiver Al Toon to early retirement a week before Byrd's paralytic collision. Toon, 29, retired because his physician told him if he suffered another concussion, he could have permanent brain damage. Toon had nine concussions during his seven-year career.

Houston Oilers quarterback Warren Moon has been on the disabled list after suffering a concussion from a brutal hit by Pittsburgh defensive back Rod Woodson. Moon has appeared on several football pre-game shows expressing his concern with the downsides of playing on artificial turf.

Then there are the injuries that are for keeps. In a 1978 game between the New England Patriots and Oakland Raiders, wide receiver Darryl Stingley sustained a paralytic injury after being hit by Raider defensive back Jack Tatum. Adding controversy to Stingley's injury was the reputation Tatum had as being a dirty player.

Buffalo defensive end Bruce Smith said many players choose to "go after and hurt" another player as a measure of revenge against an opponent celebrating a productive play.

Less than 14 years since Stingley's tragic injury, two players have suffered paralytic injuries. Byrd has some hope, as doctors have reported movement in his legs. For Mike Utley, there is a long road to recovery, and that road may lead nowhere.

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The advances in football, especially at the professional level, are contributing factors in the increasing number of injuries. Today, an offensive lineman's weight in the NFL averages more than 300 lbs. Fifteen years ago it was rare to find a player that weighed more than 280. Not only are these players bigger, but they are faster and stronger. Weight training and steroid use are credited.

Linemen are not the only players that have grown in leaps and bounds. All positions have seen enormous growth. Look at the size of some pro running backs. Craig Heyward, 280, Christian Okoye, 260, Marion Butts, 248, and Barry Word, 240, are the size of linemen 10 years ago.

Imagine a small defensive back trying to tackle one of these ball carriers. Atlanta Falcon safety Scott Case bounced off Heyward like a rag doll in last Thursday's game when he tried to stop him.

Earl Campbell was considered a monster at running back during the '80s, and he weighed 230. His style of running over tacklers, and carrying the ball 30 times a game shortened his career. Playing on the Astrodome's artificial surface didn't do his career any favors, either.

The NFL should eliminate artificial surfaces in all outdoor stadiums and ban any other teams from playing in domed stadiums. Big money will keep the current indoor football arenas in business.

Too is right when he said artificial turf is just carpet laid over concrete. In an age where defensive backs like Steve Atwater and Ronnie Lott are the size of linebackers 10 years ago, and hit like them, a receiver stands a better chance of survival when he is slammed on a grass surface.

As players continue to get larger, faster and stronger, the injuries will get more serious. The bigger they are, the harder they fall.

The progress of the athletes cannot be prevented, but the chances of them sustaining a severe injury can. It is time for the NFL to use some of its big money to really do

something for the safety of all the players. The collisions are more violent and more destructive simply because the players and playing surfaces are harder.

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"We know what everybody has. We really approached this semester to find out what we need to improve, have fun and enjoy the competition," he said.

"I'm just pleased that we could get the competition we've been getting this year."

The Mavs will compete in one more open, at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, before the regular season starts Jan. 8 with the Central Oklahoma University Dual.

"It's a test to have your best available because every opponent is excellent," he

said.

Denney said his wrestlers have progressed to his expectations and are capable of competing against the top wrestling teams in the nation.

He credits the intense competition in the pre-season opens to excellent mental as well as physical preparation for wrestlers.

"It is one of our selling points in recruiting. We're going to wrestle against the best, so you have to be the best. It is a measuring stick," Denney said.

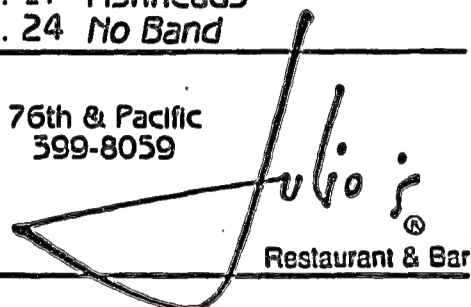
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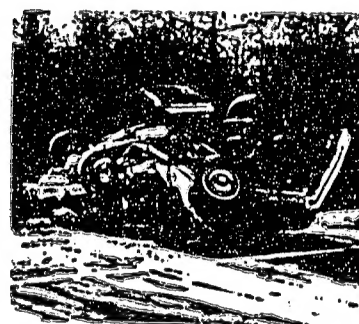
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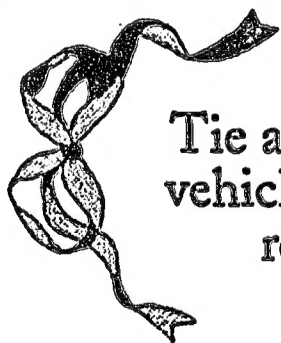


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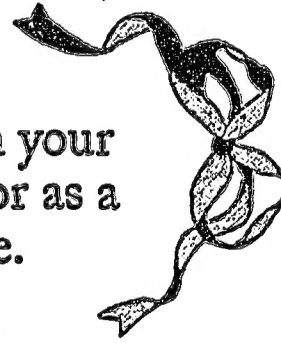
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